



Docket No.: 1614.1149

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hisashi OHKI, et al.

Serial No. 09/814,050

Group Art Unit: 2674

Confirmation No. 2534

Filed: March 22, 2001

Examiner: NGUYEN, JENNIFER T

For: STATUS DISPLAY CONTROL UNIT, ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND STORAGE
MEDIUM

COMMUNICATION TO EXAMINER

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Dear Examiner Nguyen:

Counsel for Applicants herein placed telephone calls to Examiner Nguyen and Examiner Nguyen returned a call on January 20, 2006 in which the following agreements were reached.

1. The Office Action mailed August 3, 2005 was defective for failure to process an Information Disclosure Statement filed June 21, 2004 and provide a copy of the associated Form PTO-1449, duly initialed and signed, to Applicant when issuing the August 3, 2005 Office Action.

2. In fact, the same deficiency resided in the Office Action mailed June 22, 2005 - - and, in that instance, after extensive telephone calls to both the Examiner and her supervisor, Primary Examiner Regina Liang, an agreement was reached that the Office Action of June 22, 2005 would be withdrawn and the deficiency therein, as to not providing a signed copy of the Form PTO-1449 of the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 21, 2004, would be remedied by the issuance of a Replacement/Supplemental Office Action mailed August 3, 2005 - - but which failed to correct that same deficiency, as addressed herein.

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3. Applicant's counsel protested to Examiner Nguyen the detriment, which is being placed on Applicants' legitimate interest in receiving timely prosecution of the subject application because of the Examiner's continuing oversight and delays herein, and the need for expedited processing for the Examiner to terminate any continuation of the detrimental oversights and delays.

4. Examiner Nguyen stated she would review the references and execute the Forms PTO-1449 of the June 21, 2004 Information Disclosure Statement and also the corresponding Form PTO-1449 of the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 6, 2005 and, further, would issue a Replacement Office Action on even date and would forward a copy of these materials to the undersigned counsel of record by facsimile on even date (which have been received).

The Examiner's promise to make such expedited communications to Applicants' counsel is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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